

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for identifying a particular component of an electronic system that accessed a resource of said electronic system ~~using electronic security value units~~, comprising the steps of:

(a) creating an electronic security value unit;

~~(a)(b) selectively distributing said electronic security value units~~ unit to said component;
~~a plurality of components of said system, and~~

(c) creating a ~~unique~~ first association between said component and said electronic security value unit; with each individual component to which the security electronic security value units are distributed;

~~(b)(d) upon a particular access to a resource, providing said electronic security value unit from said component to a resource manager in exchange for access to said resource;~~

(e) creating a ~~unique~~ second association between ~~particular~~ said electronic security value ~~units~~ unit and said ~~particular~~ access to said resource;

~~(e)(f) analyzing said ~~unique~~ second association to determine which particular that said electronic security value units were unit was used to access the said resource; and~~

~~(d)(g) analyzing said first association of said particular said electronic security value units to determine the identity of that said component which accessed said resource.~~

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said component is a group of one or more components, and wherein said resource is a group of one of more resources.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said ~~security~~ electronic security value ~~units are~~ unit is distributed to said component upon ~~the a~~ request of said component for access to said resource.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein said step of ~~selectively~~ distributing further comprises the step of distributing said electronic security value ~~units~~ unit from a first electronic bank server associated with said resource to a second electronic bank server associated with said ~~plurality of components~~ component,

wherein said first electronic bank server creates and records a first part of said ~~unique~~ first association, said first part indicating the distribution of said electronic security value ~~units~~ unit to said second electronic bank server, and

wherein said second electronic bank server creates and records a second part of said ~~unique~~ first association, said second part indicating the distribution of said electronic security value ~~units~~ unit to said ~~particular~~ component.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said step of creating a ~~unique~~ second association further comprises subsequently distributing ~~the first associated security~~ said electronic security value ~~units~~ unit from said second electronic bank server to said ~~plurality of components~~ component, and wherein each ~~of said plurality of components~~ component creates and records said ~~unique~~ second association.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said first and second associations are protected against unauthorized access, tampering, and duplication.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said first and second associations are protected by encrypting said first and second associations.